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ABSTRACT

The notion of educating and encouraging the whole child is not a new idea, but it awaits full acceptance. Strategies for teaching the whole child in a middle-school environment are presented here. The text opens with an overview of how schools have failed to use the latest ideas and technologies in educating students and how schools can draw on pragmatic idealism to teach children in a fragmented society. It details how to strive for wholeness in education and how to recognize and correct problems with morale and discipline. The book advocates ways to organize a school so that situations such as cafeteria problems and isolated groups of children no longer exist. It offers advice on empowering teachers, on building education teams, on using a schedule so that it does not become an end unto itself, and on building student-staff friendships. Ways to construct a whole curriculum are detailed, and suggestions on integrating curriculums, on grading and alternative assessment, on grouping students for success, and on establishing goals and then pursuing them are presented. The book closes with an overview of the importance of leadership. An appendix offers a 5-year plan, complete with forms, for recreating a school. (Contains a glossary, an index, and approximately 125 references.) (RJM)

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